Guiyang Miao language

Guiyang Miao, also known as **Guiyang Hmong**, is a Miao language of China. It is named after Guiyang County, Guizhou, though not all varieties are spoken there. The endonym is *Hmong*, a name it shares with the Hmong language.

Guiyang Miao	
Hmong	
Native to	China
Region	Guizhou
Native speakers	(190,000 cited 1995)[1]
Language family	Hmong–Mien ▪ Hmongic ▪ West Hmongic ▪ **Guiyang Miao**
Dialects	Mo Piu?
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Variously: huj – Northern hmy – Southern hmg – Southwestern
Glottolog	guiy1235 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/guiy1235)[2]

Classification

Guiyang was given as a subgroup of Western Hmongic in Wang (1985).[3] Matisoff (2001) separated the three varieties as distinct Miao languages, not forming a group. Wang (1994) adds another two minor, previously unclassified varieties.[4]

- Northern
- Southern
- Southwestern
- Northwestern (*Qianxi* 黔西)
- South-Central (*Ziyun* 紫云)

Mo Piu, spoken in northern Vietnam, may be a divergent variety of Guiyang Miao.[5]

Representative dialects of Guiyang Miao include:[6]

- Baituo 摆托, Huaxi District, Guiyang
- Tieshi 铁石, Qianxi County
- Zhongba 中坝, Changshun County

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